

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claim 2 has been canceled and a typographical error has been corrected in the specification.

Accompanying the present amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement which lists and provides copies of the two Japanese provisional applications mentioned on page 30, lines 1-3 of the specification. Also attached to the present amendment is a verified English language translation of the priority application listed in the original Declaration, Japanese Application No. 10-278023, filed September 30, 1998. A chart correlating the translated document and the language of the present claims is presented below.

Expression in amended claim 1	Description in verified translation of priority document
A jet printing ink comprising a dye and an aqueous medium	Page 1, lines 7-8 (claim 1)
a basic polymer having a side-chain containing 1-imidazolyl	Page 5, lines 30-32 (*), examples shown on pages 6-11 (**), and page 7, line 2 and page 8, line 2 (***)
said dye being dissolved in the aqueous medium	Page 5, line 29 (water-soluble dye)
the ink has a viscosity of 50 cp or lower at 25°C	Page 4, lines 10-12 (claim 6)
glycerol is contained in an amount of not less than 2 weight %	Page 26, line 18 and page 35 (Table 1)
the dye is an azomethine dye of the following formula (III) or (IV) or an azo dye of the following formula (V) or (VI)	Page 1, line 17 to page 3, line 19 (claim 3)

*: The term "basic polymer" is used in amended claim 1 and the present specification in place of the lengthy term "polymer having a tertiary amino group, a nitrogen atom-containing heterocyclic group or a quaternary cationic group thereof" in the priority document. It is clearly understood that a tertiary amino group, nitrogen atom-containing heterocyclic group and quaternary cationic group are basic in nature.

** : Amended claim 1 and the present specification clearly define the side-chain based on examples of the polymers in the priority document.

***: The term "1-imidazolyl" is used in amended claim 1 and the present specification instead of the terms "tertiary imidazolyl" and "quaternary imidazolium" in the priority document.

Further, the features of claims 5, 9, 10, 13 and 14 are described in the verified translation of the priority documents as follows:

Claims	Description in translation of priority document
5	Page 3, line 21 to page 4, line 2 (claim 4)
9	Page 4, lines 13-14 (claim 7)
10	Page 35 (Table 1)
13 and 14	Page 26, liens 1-3

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly requested. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 at her earliest convenience.

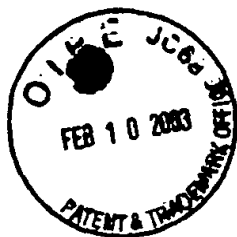
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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30, line 4, as follows:

Two or more azomethine dyes and/or azo dyes can be employed in combination.
The azomethine dye and azo dye can be used in combination with one or more other dyes.
The azomethine dye and azo dye shows a hue of magenta or [can] cyan. Therefore, a combination of the azomethine dye or azo dye with a dye giving a yellow hue such as that described in Japanese Patent Provisional Publication No. H10-95942 is preferably employed for preparing a color image.

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